

THEY CONTINUE TO TALK TINKER

And the Late Candidate for Sheriff Himself Takes Turn at Talking Game.

MAY PUT OUT CANDIDATE

Then, Too, Some Criticising Committeemen May Be Requested to Vacate.

The meeting of the Hamilton county republican executive committee, which will be held on next Saturday, promises to equal, if not excel, in point of interest and political developments the meeting of the same committee on the preceding Saturday. However, there is one fact that the committee stands as a unit on, and that is the coming meeting will not be a star chamber affair, but will be open not only to members of the committee, but to members of the party.

The committee at present is greatly divided in their opinion as to the withdrawal of John Tinker from the race for sheriff and this topic is the all absorbing one and can be heard on almost every street corner where two or more are gathered. The faction, insisting that the withdrawal of Tinker was a political move engineered by Sam A. Conner and Willard Springfield at the instance of a certain democratic influence, insist that Mr. Tinker will be asked to tender his resignation as chairman of the committee. However, Mr. Tinker and his friends are insistent his resignation will not be asked for, but instead several members of the committee, whose loyalty is

questioned, will be asked to vacate their seats.

Tinker Talks.
Mr. Tinker is out in a red-hot statement regarding his withdrawal and what prompted it and criticism of some members of his party.

Aside from the fight among themselves, it is said that the committee will perfect its "delayed pass" and endorse George W. Chamlee for attorney-general and Charles Watson for county court clerk. There is a great deal of criticism among the party and much adverse comment as to why Mr. Chamlee and Mr. Watson's candidacy was not endorsed before.

It is understood that Maj. Charles R. Evans is in a receptive mood for the nomination for attorney-general, and this is given by those favoring last Saturday's star chamber session as the reason the committee held their meeting behind closed doors. The majority of the committee, it is understood, not only do not favor Maj. Evans for the nomination for attorney-general, but no other candidate.

May Name Candidate.
Republican leaders are insistent that at Saturday's meeting a candidate for sheriff will be nominated. It is stated that the nomination will probably go to W. S. Weatherford if he consents to run. However, other republicans favor no nomination for sheriff from the party ranks, but favor the nomination of an independent candidate at a mass meeting to be held some time next week. In connection with the nomination at a mass meeting the name of Roger Crox, present superintendent of roads, is being mentioned. Friends of Mr. Crox state that they have so far failed to get him to allow his name to be called, but admit that he said that he would await the action of the committee on Saturday and then might consider the matter. It is known that Mr. Crox would not only poll a large republican vote, but has powerful democratic friends who would make him a formidable contender.

In general opinion, both among democrats and republicans, is that a high-class man must be nominated for sheriff, and in the event he is the citizenship of Hamilton county would get back of him and elect him to this important office.

Do Not Understand.
John Tinker in discussing the situation Thursday morning stated that he

realized that the people at large did not understand his withdrawal, and that it was impossible for him to see each and every one of them and explain, but that he would make a more definite statement later, as he was not at liberty to make one now.

"I have had offered me, or will have," said Mr. Tinker, "a position I feel not only duty, but patriotically bound to accept. It is with an organization that is carrying on a great patriotic work and which has stood behind the president during the war and it has called for my services."

When asked Thursday morning what he thought of the views of several republicans regarding his withdrawal and the rumor that he would be asked to resign as chairman of the committee, Mr. Tinker said "It sounded very much like the conversation certain republican emissaries of the county judge had been indulging on the streets with a number of republicans."

"My reasons for withdrawing from the race county statement and published in both the daily papers, and that statement is correct, despite the fact that political enemies of J. W. Springfield and Sam Conner are trying to hold them as the sole reason for my withdrawal."

"I further believe that my withdrawal is causing more comment from those republicans who are supporting the democratic nominee for county judge than it is from my friends who sincerely wanted me to be the next sheriff."

"As to me being asked to resign from the chairmanship of the committee, I am of the opinion that this is not as likely to happen as the resignation of some members of this committee who are supporting the democratic nominee for county judge."

"I think the people are more interested in the economical administration of our county government than they are in who is going to be the next sheriff, notwithstanding the fact that some republicans, who are expecting to have their noses in the county trough, are trying to preach party discipline."

WOMAN FALLS FROM ERLANGER WINDOW

Leona May Palmer, a patient in a ward on the fourth floor of Erlanger hospital, attempted to escape Wednesday night by climbing from a window. She was seen when she had made. When she reached the second story the rope broke and she fell to the ground, many feet below her. She landed on her feet with such force that her ankle was broken. She also received painful sprains and was otherwise injured. She was picked up, carried back into the hospital and given medical attention.

The Palmer woman, evidently tired of the hospital, evidently cured some sheets, tied them together and sought to do the get-away act, but the best laid plans "gang all aglee."

Woman Found Ill and Starving in Vacant House

Suffering with pneumonia and very near unto death's door, Bettie Vaughn was found Thursday morning in a vacant house in "Hell's Half-Acre." Chapman's ambulance removed her to Erlanger hospital. It is understood that she was almost starved.

When the ambulance men arrived the woman was lying on the floor. There was practically nothing in the house except some bed clothing.

JOHN MANSFIELD WILL SPEAK AT OGLETHORPE

John Mansfield, the noted English poet, dramatist and historian, who is making a tour of the military camps in the south, is scheduled to be at Fort Oglethorpe in a few days, the exact date not yet being known. In his tour Mr. Mansfield will visit Camp Sevier, Camp Jackson, the Charleston navy yard, Camp Hancock, Camp Gordon, Camp Wheeler, Camp Johnston, Camp Sheridan and Camp Shelby.

HUGH HUFFAKER WILL GO TO NAVAL ACADEMY

An appointment to Annapolis naval academy has been received by Hugh Huffaker, son of Commissioner and Mrs. H. D. Huffaker, and he will leave about June 10. The young man, who is a graduate of Chattanooga High school, spent three months at Marion, Ala., in special study, preparing for the appointment, and on May 18 took the necessary examinations. Notification of his success was received Wednesday.

ARNOLD HENKEL, DESPERATE GERMAN, ESCAPED FROM FORT OGLETHORPE



Hun prisoner now at liberty after being recaptured five times after as many escapes.

Arnold Henkel, six times escaped from German prison barracks in this country, is still at large. A glance at the countenance shown above is sufficient to explain why military authorities at Chickamauga report Henkel as the most desperate and dangerous of five prisoners who cut their way to liberty through barbed wire stockades at Oglethorpe last Monday. The story of Henkel's escapes read almost like romance. Twice he has made a successful getaway from Chickamauga. Once he escaped under the very nose of guards at the prison at Fort McPherson, Atlanta. Three times previous to that he is accredited with escaping from eastern internment camps.

Henkel is said to have been a German officer and to have been a confederate of the famous Boy-Ed.

His first escape from Chickamauga was made possible by the smuggling of a file into Henkel's cell, concealed in bread. With this he sawed his way to liberty. With several comrades, he made a gauntlet of rifle fire from the prison guards and was only brought back to camp when wounded in the arm with buckshot by a Georgia farmer who had even more determination than Henkel. When covered by his captor's gun, Henkel clutched an infant child to his breast as a shield and attempted to get away, thinking the farmer would

not risk a shot that might wound his daughter. Taking a perilous aim, however, the farmer inflicted a severe wound in Henkel's arm, and he surrendered.

His last escape was effected by cutting the wire in the rear of the camp Monday in broad daylight and apparently under the eyes of guards who are stationed in watch towers all about the reservation.

The photograph explains why. Though somewhat disheveled, the pronounced nose, the strength of the jaw and the expression of the eyes show that Henkel would risk anything and do almost anything necessary along the line of spectacular adventure. However, the exploits of the German have been more successful in the getaway than in being able to stay away. His record shows that on one occasion, however, he reached Liverpool under a forged passport, before detection. The military description of the fugitive follows:

Name, Arnold Henkel; nationality, German; age, 35; height, 5 feet 7 inches; complexion, dark; eyes, grey; hair, dark brown, tinged with grey; finger on left hand slightly crooked; gunshot wound in right arm.

There seems to be some confusion as to who deserves credit for the capture of Robert Beese at Oakdale. The latest claimant is R. M. Tregger.

GAS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Pass Resolution to Insure Supply of Fuel for Winter Production.

The newly elected officers at the meeting of the Southern Gas association Thursday morning are President L. Gaston, of Knoxville; first vice-president, R. J. Tittel, of Birmingham, Ala.; and second vice-president, Noble Clay, of Durham, N. C. The retiring secretary and treasurer, M. A. Bowlin, of Macon, Ga., was re-elected for another term. Board of directors, R. L. Marquis, of Birmingham, Ala.; E. C. Morris, of Washington, D. C.; J. W. Perkins, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; E. E. Austin, of Sumter, S. C.; and H. D. Wilson, of Waycross, Ga.

A greater part of the morning's session was devoted to the election of officers, which was followed by a general discussion of the serious fuel situation took place and the following resolutions introduced by the special committee:

"Whereas, the Southern Gas association, in convention assembled, at its tenth annual meeting in Chattanooga, May 22-23, has discussed the serious shortage of coal, coke and oil for the manufacture and distribution of gas for the coming year; and, whereas, present indications and past experiences indicate the impossibility of storing an adequate stock at the present time and for operations next fall and winter, transportation and operating conditions will be still more acute; and, whereas, the quality and preparation of coal is more essential for gas production than is any other industry where coal is used, not only for the recovery of by-products which are so essential to government requirements;

"Be it therefore, resolved, That the Southern Gas association transmit this resolution to the gas electric service committee of the Council of National Defense, through its chairman, W. J. Webb, with the request that everything possible be done to rescue for the gas companies of the south immediate and adequate supply of coal, coke and oil for the coming winter; and, be it further resolved, That the Southern Gas association herewith pledge its continued loyalty and support to the United States government in all its activities for bringing the present war to a successful conclusion.

(Signed)
"Mac D. DEXTER,
"H. D. SCHALL,
"FARIS FERRIER,
"Special committee appointed by president to draft resolutions."

GAS ASSOCIATION HAS ITS SERVICE FLAG

Banquet Wednesday Evening Has Patriotic Savor—War Problems Discussed.

Members of the Southern Gas association aside their troubles for a few hours Wednesday evening at their annual "get-together" dinner held in Chattanooga at the Hotel Patten, S. E. DeFreese, manager of the Chattanooga Gas company, presided at the gathering. In his opening remarks he reviewed the gas situation in general, touching on the labor and fuel questions. He also told of how the general advance in prices had affected the gas companies the same as other concerns and the public in general.

The first speaker of the evening was Edmund Dickey, of the Maryland Gas Meter works, Baltimore. Mr. Dickey related something of the original Hun and many interesting things concerning the Germans in their warpath record of the past.

J. P. Hoskins, of the First National bank, who was present at the dinner, was then called on by the chairman to make a talk. Mr. Hoskins devoted the greater part of his address to liberty bonds.

John Parker, of Rockford, Ill., added

CLEM WOODWORTH NOW HEADS ROTARY CLUB

Annual Election of Officers Sees Nominations of Two Weeks Ago Unopposed.

The formal election of officers of the Rotary club was one of the principal features of business at Thursday's meeting of the club. The officers whose nominations were made two weeks ago and who were elected without opposition at today's meeting, are as follows:

President, Clem Woodworth.
Vice-president, C. E. Bradish.
Second vice-president, G. Fred Thomas.
Treasurer, Warren L. Rohr.
Directors, H. F. Griscom, Mark Wilson, Fred Cantrell, Stanley Robinson, Morrow Chamberlain.

Following the election, speeches of acceptance were made by the newly elected president and vice-president. In their talks they emphasized the good they had received through membership in the Rotary club and what it has meant to them. The newly elected president emphasized the fact that while the club had been called upon to undertake a great many things, all of which had been carried through successfully, he thought it was that during the coming year they not undertake too many things, but do one job and do it well, showing by their work that the spirit of service was paramount among the Rotarians.

The fact was developed that the newly elected treasurer, Warren L. Rohr, will shortly remove from Chattanooga to Roanoke, Va., although his family will remain in the city. A resolution was passed appointing a committee to draft suitable resolutions in the way of a memorial testifying to Warren Rohr as a citizen and Rotarian. The committee also made to the effect that instead of accepting Mr. Rohr's resignation an assistant treasurer be nominated for the ensuing year.

The work of the Red Cross drive came in for a considerable share of attention. W. E. Brock, chairman of the general committee, who was present as a guest of the club, told of the wonderful success of the second drive, which closes tonight. He cited examples of unselfish loyalty on the part of citizens of Chattanooga, paying particular tribute to employees of the industrial plants, who had shown through their contributions that the spirit of sacrifice was among them. C. M. Preston, treasurer of the Chattanooga chapter of the Red Cross, told of how funds were being dispersed by the local chapter.

James Finlay, district governor, who has just returned from the peace conference in Philadelphia, made an interesting talk on the conference, stating that the keynote of the meeting was winning the war. Mr. Finlay's

talk, while brief, proved highly interesting, conveying as it did the patriotism of the people of this country. Inasmuch as Thursday, May 30, is Memorial day and will be observed by citizens all over the United States in the form of prayer and fasting, it was decided that the matter of suitable observance of the day be left to a decision of the officers and entertainment committee.

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